

Types of Plants

Chapter 4: Getting to Know Plants · Topic 2

Key Concept

Herbs are small, soft-stemmed plants, like mint and coriander, that usually don't live very long. Shrubs are medium-sized plants with woody stems that branch out near the ground, like roses.

Trees are tall plants with a single thick woody stem called a trunk, like mango and neem trees, and they can live for many years.

Climbers are plants that cannot stand on their own and need support to grow upward, like money plants and grapevines, often using tendrils or stems to hold on.

Creepers are similar to climbers but grow along the ground instead of climbing upward, like pumpkin and watermelon plants.

Quick Revision Notes

- Herbs are small, soft-stemmed plants, like mint.
- Shrubs are medium-sized plants with woody stems, like roses.
- Trees are tall plants with a trunk, like mango trees.
- Climbers need support to grow upward, like grapevines.
- Creepers grow along the ground, like pumpkin plants.
- Plant types differ in size and stem structure.
- Trees can live for many years.
- Understanding plant types helps us classify plants.

Practice Questions

- 1 Find an example each of a herb, shrub, tree, climber and creeper.
- 2 Draw a tree and label its trunk.
- 3 Compare a climber and a creeper.
- 4 Find a herb in your kitchen, like mint or coriander.
- 5 Discuss why trees can live longer than herbs.
- 6 Make a chart classifying five plants you know.